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INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE

Group: 2825

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims presently in the application as follows:

20. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a semiconductor integrated circuit
device, comprising the steps of:

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- (a) providing a silicon wafer covered with an insulating film whose main
surface is mainly formed of silicon oxide;
 - (b) cleaning the surface of said silicon wafer covered with said insulating
film whose main surface is mainly formed of silicon oxide, using a processing

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